# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
# LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL INTEGRATED HIGHWAY PROJECT
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of the physical, social, economic & ecological dimensions of `National Integrated Highway Project` (13,000 km. connecting Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai & Calcutta);

(b) the number of phases in which this project is being implemented;

(c) the details of the first two phases;

(d) the shares of Public & Private Sector funding; and

(e) the steps being taken to expedite the project to solve the problem of congestion on the highways of the country ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (RETI KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) National Highway Development Project (NHDP) comprises of Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) connecting Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai Kolkata, Delhi and North-South and East-West (N-S and E-W) corridors connecting Srinagar to Kanyakumari and Silchar to Porbandar. These National Highways are being improved from existing 2-lane highways to 4-lane divided carriageway. The social and economic benefits expected to be derived from NHDP would be, by way of faster, uninterrupted, comfortable and safer travel, savings in vehicle operating costs. Detailed environmental management and Rehabilitation and Resettlement plans are being implemented to mitigate negative social impact and to enhance the positive aspects on environment.

(b)&(c) NHDP having a total length of 13151 km. is being implemented in two phases namely GQ and N-S and E-W Corridors. Lengths of GQ and N-S and E-W Corridors are 5851 km. and 7300 km. respectively and these are targeted for completion in December 2003 and December 2007 respectively.

(d) Around Rs. 54,000 crore are expected to be invested on NHDP (at 1999 prices). The shares of various fundings are as under:

(1) Cess on Petrol and Diesel Rs. 20,000 crore

(2) Esternal Assistance Rs. 20,000 crore

(3) Market Borrowing Rs. 10, 000 crore

(4) Private Sector Participation Rs. 4,000 crore

(e) The steps taken for expeditious completion of projects include, prompt decision and payment system, provision for bonus for early completion and penalties for delays and tapping private sector efficiencies by out sourcing project preparation, work supervision and maintenance.